



Welcome to

Willunga Catholic Parish

Mary of Galilee, Aldinga; St Peter's, Normanville; St Joseph's, Willunga

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

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PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

- Fr Dominick Okwadha (Parish Administrator - 8382 1717; in an emergency 0421 074 212; okwadha@yahoo.com)
- Fr Julius Nyandiga (Acting Parish Administrator - 0421 074 212; juliusphilip122@yahoo.com)
(Fr Julius on leave until October.)
- Fr Tom Gleeson (Resident Priest - 0421 074 212; tomgleeson@yahoo.com)
Fr Tom away for all of August
- Gael Maloney (Parish Manager; Newsletter - articles for newsletter due Wednesday - 0447 421 948, bahloo2@bigpond.com)
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MASS CENTRES

- Mary of Galilee, cnr Quinliven and How Roads, ALDINGA - Galilee
- St Peter's, Cape Jervis Road, NORMANVILLE
- St Joseph's, St Judes St, WILLUNGA

MASS TIMES

- SATURDAY EVENING
5.30pm Aldinga Beach
(Mary of Galilee)
- FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)
10.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
- SECOND, FOURTH SUNDAYS
8.30am Normanville (St Peter's)
10.30am Willunga (St Joseph's)



FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God. They shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. <R>
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. <R>
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. <R>

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour.

He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, (Continued page 4)



Bulletin Board

the LORD MASS TIMES WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Masses - Willunga Parish 9.00am - Noarlunga
Tue	9.15am - Aldinga
Wed	9.00am - Willunga
Thur	9.00am - Willunga
Fri	9.00am - Willunga 12.00noon - Normanville 6.00pm - Willunga

WEEKEND MASSES

(NB: This roster may be changed if something unforeseen crops up)

30 Aug	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
31 Aug	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
06 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Tom
07 Sep	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
13 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
14 Sep	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, tba
20 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
21 Sep	8.30am, Willunga, Fr Tom 10.30am, N/ville, Fr Dominick
27 Sep	5.30pm, Aldinga, Fr Dominick
28 Sep	8.30am, N/ville, Fr Tom 10.30am, Willunga, Fr Dominick

PRIESTS ON LEAVE

- **Fr Julius** is on leave until October.
- **Fr Tom** is away for all of August.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me. O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Sunday September 21, 2025

Celebrations of significant wedding anniversaries will be held in local Parish communities again this year. All couples who are celebrating a significant year of marriage in 2025 (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50



Above: Fr Julius celebrated the baptism of Amelia Case on Sunday 17 August. Amelia is the daughter of James and Bronwyn, who were married at St Joseph's by Fr Charles Gauci, when he was our Parish Priest.

years or more), are invited to leave their details with Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) (by 1st September) to receive a special acknowledgement from the Archbishop.

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP

'Come back and be still, and all shall be well with you, in quietness and trust will be your strength' Isaiah 30:15

Mrs Leonie Staunton is keen to facilitate a small group on Wednesday mornings from about 10.30am, for meditation and a cuppa. Fr Tom will join in. The group will read the following Sunday's Gospel, reflect, respond/share and rest (meditate). If you are interested please contact Leonie - phone 0402 404 379.

Leonie Staunton

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians.

In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take an envelope with you to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the envelope or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc>.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We extend a warm welcome to children from any schools in our Parish to join us. Please contact Kim Calderbank (08 8550 2200).

Sacramental Program Dates

- Parent Information Session
Tuesday 9 September 5.00pm
- Reconciliation Workshop 1
Tuesday 28 October 5.00pm
- Workshop 2
Tuesday 4 November 5.00pm
- Celebration of Reconciliation
Tuesday 11 November 5.00pm

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL

We need your help! We are looking for more members to join the Parish Pastoral Council. The Parish Pastoral Council, under the authority of the Parish Priest exercises authority to investigate, consider and propose practical priorities and strategies about the spiritual and pastoral life and

activity of the parish. We currently meet six times a year usually on a Tuesday afternoon.

If you, or someone you know are interested, please speak with Fr Dominick. If you have any questions about membership, please speak with your local PPC representative.

Kerri Gould (PPC Chair)

MINI VINNIES

Fundraiser

This Saturday (30 August), following 5.30pm Mass, Galilee Mini Vinnies will be holding a fundraiser for Vinnies. They will be selling lemonade and brownies. Please bring along some gold coins.

Kim Calderbank

LADIES LUNCH

Willunga Parish women (and friends) are warmly invited to the next Ladies Lunch next Friday 5 September at 12.30pm at Oxenberry Farm, 26 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale. Please come along. For more information and bookings contact Barb Triffett (0497 876 551) or Vanda Farrall (0476 276 066). *Barb Triffett*

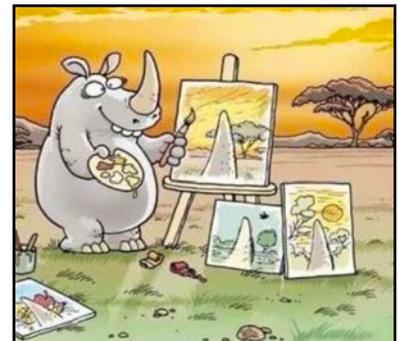
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Sunday 31 August, 2025

The experience of people living with the challenges of homelessness and mental ill-health has been highlighted in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2025 Social Justice Statement. Each year since 1940, the Conference has released a statement for reflection and discussion ahead of Social Justice Sunday on a key issue in Australian society. This year's statement is "*Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*".

Please click the following link to read this year's statement in full: [Social Justice Statement 2025-2026](#)

An estimated 280,000 people access homelessness services each year, with one in three having a current mental health issue. The statement lists some



of the ways that Catholic entities are engaging with the crisis. Australians are encouraged to act, such as working with local government councils on ways to address homelessness and mental health, helping street van ministries and advocating to state and federal MPs about better policies.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2026

Orders are now being taken for the 2026 Columban calendar - a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australian for over a century. Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries where they accompany the poor, advocate for justice, care for creation and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Calendars cost \$9.00 each. Please contact Gael Maloney (0447 421 948) if you would like to place an order.



Above: Work is progressing well on the remediation work on the walls at St Joseph's Church. We should be able to use the Church for Mass on Sunday.

THANK YOU

The owners of the Old Bush Inn at Willunga recently updated their dining room chairs. They offered the old chairs (still in very good, serviceable condition) to St Joseph's Church. After cleaning, we will make very good use of them.

Special thanks to the Old Bush Inn for thinking of us.

CUPPA AFTER

8.30AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

In the last couple of months we have been trialling having a cuppa after every 8.30am Mass (rather than only the first Sunday of the month). This arrangement has been very well-received and we intend to continue with it.

Everyone is welcome after Mass this Sunday.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing list: Michael Casey, Kathy Ralston, John Tregeagle, Karoline Hermann, Laura Curtis, Michael Campbell, Marie Andrews

2025 DATES

- Sep Catholic Charities Month
- Sep 5 Ladies Lunch
- Oct World Mission Month
- 19 Oct Mission Day Appeal
- 26 Sep Last day School term 3
- 6 Oct Labour day holiday
- 13 Oct First day School term 4
- 9 Nov Supporting our Clergy Campaign
- 16 Nov St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
- 12 Dec Last day School term 4
- 25 Dec Catholic Charities Appeal

ADVANCE DATES

- 17 Jan Women's Tour Down Under Starts: Willunga High St - 11.10am. Finishes: Willunga High St - 3.02pm
- 24 Jan Men's Tour Down Under Starts: Brighton - 11.10am Finishes: Willunga Hill - 3.02pm
- 25 Jan Cologne Philharmonia Two concerts at St Joseph's 2.00pm and 7.00pm

COLLECTIONS

16/17 : 23/24 August

First collection	\$807.00
Second collection	\$512.00
Envelopes	\$300.00

(Not including direct credits)

Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.



ROSTERS

ALDINGA

Welcomer
Commentator
Readers

Eucharistic Minister

Saturday 31 August

André Woodhouse
David Manders
Cristina Tiedje
Michelle Cormack
Lorraine Ellis

Saturday 06 September

André Woodhouse
Cristina Tiedje
Jill McHendrie
Ken Creevey
Mario Bacchin

NORMANVILLE

Welcomer
Commentator
Reader
Data Projector
Altar/Cleaning

Sunday, 31 August

Peter Lloyd
Anna Vnuk
Trish Bohnsack
Thia van Kuyk
Rita Steller, Trish Bohnsack

Sunday, 07 September

Leo Montgomery
Michael Steller
Ann Henriksen
Riter Steller
Rita Steller, Trish Bohnsack

WILLUNGA

Commentator
Reader
Eucharistic Minister
Flowers
Church Linen

Sunday, 31 August

Vanda Farrall
Anna Rogers
Steve Maglieri
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best

Sunday, 07 September

Gael Maloney
Vanda Farrall
Wayne Best
Volunteer please
Margaret Guley

WILLUNGA PARISH

(Aldinga, Normanville, Willunga)
NGARRINDJERI, RAMINDJERI,
PERAMANGK, KAURNA land

*Willunga Catholic Parish is a
welcoming and hope-filled
community led by the Spirit
to love and serve all in faith.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- **Aldinga** - Kerri Gould, Lorraine Ellis, Kim Calderbank
- **Willunga** - Michael Hynes
- **Normanville** - Nigel Pile, Christopher Symes

FINANCE COUNCIL

Dolek Thiele (Chairperson)
Chris McWilliams (Secretary)
Thia van Kuyk (Finance Officer)
Martin Morgan (Cemeteries)
John McPhail (Treasurer)

CEMETERY CONTACTS

- **St Joseph's, Willunga** - Curator Martin Morgan (0417 851 902) - in his absence please contact: Michael Hynes (0490 677 314)
- **St Peter's, Normanville** - Please contact Willunga Parish Office (08) 8556 2132 or 0447 421 948

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office
(8556 2132 or 0447 421 948)

SACRAMENTS

For more information please contact:

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admin@willungparish.org.au :
8556 2132, 0447 421 948
- or*
- Kim Calderbank
kim.calderbank@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
[08] 8550 2200

INTEGRITY AND SAFEGUARDING DEPT

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

Willunga Parish contact - Michael Hynes *or* Child Protection Unit (8210 8159).

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do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

THE TABLE AT THE COMMUNITY BBQ

It was the parish community BBQ, and the oval was buzzing. Families spread picnic rugs, kids chased footies, the band was warming up, and the smell of sausages drifted through the air.

As people lined up for food, the long rows of trestle tables quickly filled. At one end, the "important" seats were taken fast – the parish council members, the school principal, a few well-known business owners in the community. Their table was loud with laughter, selfies, and chatter about upcoming projects.

At the other end, near the bins and a little further from the action, a small group sat quietly. A mum new to the country, still learning English. An older man who'd lost his wife last year and rarely left the house. A couple of teenagers on the edge of things, glued to their phones but clearly not part of any group.

People walked past them, maybe smiled politely, but kept heading towards the "better" seats.

One young family arrived late, plates in hand, and for a moment they hesitated. There were spots open at both ends. The kids wanted to sit near their friends in the noisy crowd, but the parents paused. They

glanced down the row, noticed the quiet group, and made a decision.

"Let's sit here."

At first, the conversation was stilted. But soon, something shifted. The mum from overseas shyly offered to share some homemade food she had brought. The older man's face lit up when the kids asked about his football days. The teenagers laughed when someone showed them how to win at the sausage sizzle raffle. By the end of the afternoon, that table – once ignored – was alive with energy, laughter, and real connection.

On the way home, the father said quietly, "You know, I think we found the best seats in the place today."

This is exactly what Jesus was getting at in today's Gospel. True blessing doesn't come from being seen in the "important" seats, from status or recognition. It comes when we choose to sit with those who are overlooked, when we make space for those who cannot repay us, when we give our attention and love where it's least expected.

The challenge for us today is simple but confronting: at school, at work, at parish events, even around our own dinner tables – where do we sit? Do we rush to be with the familiar and comfortable, or do we slow down, notice who is left out, and choose to sit there instead?

That choice can change everything. It might just be the place where God's Kingdom comes alive – around an ordinary table, with unlikely people, where everyone finally feels they belong.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(01 - 07 September)

- **Monday, 01:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30)
- **Tuesday, 02:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37)
- **Wednesday, 03:** St Gregory the Great (Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44)
- **Thursday, 04:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11)
- **Friday, 05:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39)
- **Saturday, 06:** Weekday, Ord Time 22 (Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5)
- **Sunday 07:** 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33)

PASTORAL CARE

If you need a priest for anointing prior to medical treatment or if you are ill (not necessarily life-threatening) or for last rites please contact: (08) 8556 2132. In an emergency call Fr Dominick (0421 074 212).